



Retford Art Society

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NEWSLETTER

February 2016

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2016. We've included lots of information about the year ahead, with the most recent diary dates of Society events. Some of the items have already been sent to you, as part of the 2016 AGM minutes

Christmas Tree Festival

As usual we presented a colourful display at St. Swithun's Church, with the Theme 'Good King Wenceslas'.

Christmas Dinner at Spencer's on the Square

34 people enjoyed good food and a lively atmosphere at the event on Dec. 11th 2015.

Annual General Meeting

The 48th AGM was held on 21st January 2016 at the Swan Studio and 19 members attended. As usual the main business was the presentation of the accounts for last year and the election of the Officers and Committee members.

Margaret Presley gave her Chair's review of the Society's year. She thanked all the members who had worked behind the scenes to make it such a successful year, and highlighted the two large exhibitions and the monthly demonstrations at the Post 16 Centre, as well as the workshops, visits, community and social events.

Officers of the Society

The Officers of the Society for 2016 are: Chair - Margaret Presley; Vice Chair – Warren Cookson; Secretary – Andy Massey; Treasurer - vacant

NB We desperately need a volunteer to replace Sally Telfer as Treasurer. Please, please let us know if you can help. You don't need to be a Committee member to volunteer.

General Committee Members

The members for 2015 are: Membership Secretary – Helen Lems
David Brown, Rose Elkington, Margaret Harrod, Sheila Robertson, Daphne Sidney, Barbara Sparks, Mick Thomas, and Clifford Warnes.

Selection Committee

5 existing members were voted in en bloc: David Brown, Rose Elkington, Val Moore, Barbara Sparks and Cliff Warnes. Mick Thomas offered to replace Ann Blagg who stood down.

Annual Subscriptions

The annual subscriptions for this year will remain unchanged at £25.00. If you have not already renewed your subscription for 2016 please send payment to Helen Lems at Matron's Cottage, Trinity Hospital, Trinity Road, Retford, DN227BD. **(Please, do not take your payments there in person).** You can also pay at the next monthly meeting at the Post 16 Centre on Thurs. Feb. 25th. Also please remember to keep Helen informed of any changes to your contact details. (Subscription form enclosed) **Prompt payment of subs. will be much appreciated. All subs must be paid before March 31st. Subs will not be received on Exhibition Submission Day.**

Membership Card and Diary Card



On payment of your subscription, you will be issued with a membership card, (if you haven't already got one from last year – the card is not dated, and carries over from one year to the next) together with a programme of events card. The membership card will prove helpful when obtaining a discount from Images which allow us 10% discount.

*There have been a number of changes to the dates since the events cards were printed, so an update is provided later in this Newsletter. We will keep you informed through the year of any other changes to diary events.

2016 Events Programme

The 2016 programme of events is included at the end of this Newsletter and as usual features a wide range of attractions, including 9 monthly meetings, a Painting Day, 3 workshops and the Summer and Autumn Exhibitions.

Spring Exhibition at St Swithuns Church

Submission Day: Sat. 23rd April 10am - noon Preview evening: Wed 27th April 7pm

Exhibition runs from Thurs. 28th April until Sat. 14th May inc. Charter Day on Mon. 4th May

Autumn Exhibition at St Swithuns Church

Submission Day: Sat 8th Oct. 10am – noon. Preview Evening: Wed. 12th Oct

Exhibition runs from Thurs. 13th Oct. until Sat. 29th Oct.

Monthly Meetings

The first demonstration of 2016 is on 25th February, when Graham Laughton will be giving a demonstration of "Portraits in Pastels". The admission fee remains the same at £3 for members, £5 non members and £2 students.

Workshops

The first Workshop of 2016 is on Saturday 12th March at Clarborough Village Hall 10.00 am to 3.30 pm with artist Graham Laughton, working with pastels and mixed media. Please contact Sheila Robertson for a place; 01909 476287, or sheilar45@hotmail.com.

Life Drawing

Life Drawing classes at the Swan Studio commence on March 2nd, from 7pm. We are still very keen to get more helpers at these sessions, to support Margaret Harrod and Daphne Sidney who will be coordinating them.

Primary Care Trust

The next meeting for displaying paintings is Mon.9th May in Room 5. Please let Margaret know if you want your name putting down or taking off - artists are chosen to display their work in alphabetical order. Contact 01777 707569 or mail a.presley@btinternet.com.

Retford Arts Festival

Mention was made at the AGM of the proposed Retford Arts Festival, May 28th-30th, with venues across Retford for art, music, literature and performance. If any RAS members are interested in exhibiting and/or helping on those dates, at the Swan Studio, please contact Andy Massey (andymassey32@hotmail.com). We'll see what the response is, and decide how to proceed from there.

Board cutting for painting.

A new shop, Retford DIY Supplies, has been set up at 63 Cobwell Road in Retford, and they will cut hardboard, MDF etc to size for painters' use. RAS members may find this useful.

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Monthly Meetings (2016)

*These Meetings are usually held on the last Thursday in
each month in the Post 16 Centre,
near the leisure centre, Retford at 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm*

(This programme of events may be subject to change - note that the dates change from the last Thursday during the school holidays)

25th February	Graham Laughton	Portraits in Pastels
31 st March	Phil Briggs	Mountains and lakes in Watercolour
21st April	Elaine nash	Watercolour Techniques
26th May	Claire Botterill	Architecture with Ink Wax and Watercolour
30th June	John Wakefield	Seascapes and Waves in pastels
28th July		Appraisal (Swan Studio)
25th August	Painting Day	Newstead Abbey
29th September	Janet Mayled	Mixed Media
20th October	Jane Lazenby	Figure Drawing
24th November	Dr Maureen Ille	Winter, from Medieval to modern Painting

Workshops (2016)		
Workshops will be held at Clarborough Village Hall (CVH) or Swan Studio (SS) from 10am until 3:30pm		
12th March (CVH)	Graham Laughton	Pastels/mixed media
25 th June (CVH)	Claire Botterill	Watercolours and Ink
24th Sept (CVH)	Julian Bray	Acrylics

Painting Day

A painting day is planned at Newstead Abbey on Thursday 25th August 2016.

RETFORD ART SOCIETY
Annual Subscription Renewal Form

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Address	_____
	_____ Post Code _____
Telephone	_____
Email Address	_____
Fee	___£25_____

Please post this form and your cheque to the Membership Secretary, Helen Lems, at Matron's Cottage, Trinity Hospital, Trinity Road, Retford, DN227BD. (Please do not take the form and payment in person).

It is much easier, quicker and cheaper to contact members using email. If you have an email address please make sure that you put it on the renewal form.

If you do not have an email address but have a relative or friendly neighbour, or you know another member of the Society who has an email address, maybe you could persuade them to print and pass on our messages. If so, please put that email address on the renewal form. If you cannot do this, don't worry, we will send out information by regular post.

Any information you give us is kept for Art Society purposes only and not passed to anyone else.